

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.     (*currently amended*) A method for minimizing scarring and/or preventing excessive scar formation at an injury site, the method comprising applying to the injury site a first aid bandaging material that has been coated, ~~irradiated~~ or impregnated with a therapeutically effective amount of a defibrinogenating agent to prevent scarring.
2.     (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein said first aid bandaging material is a bandage or gauze pad.
3.     (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein said defibrinogenating agent is chosen from the group consisting of ancrod, urokinase, streptokinase, phenobarbital and valproic acid.
- 4-14. (*cancelled*)